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Arcuri and Schumer Have Secured \$5.6 Million in Federal Funding Over Last Two Years to Make Rifle Upgrade Possible

WASHINGTON, DC -U.S. Rep. Michael A. Arcuri (NY-24) and Senator Charles S. Schumer (D-NY) announced the U.S. Army has awarded Remington Arms a Firm Fixed Price (FFP) Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contract to upgrade up to 3,600 M24 Sniper Rifles. The Contract is for a five year period with a potential value of up to \$28.2 million. This award follows a full and open competitive evaluation lasting 9 months, which began with the release of the Army's Request for Proposal (RFP) on January 13, 2010.

Over the past two years, Arcuri and Schumer have been instrumental in securing \$5.6 million in federal defense appropriations for the U.S. Army to complete this upgrade.

"Remington has become one of the finest firearm manufacturers in the world and boasts probably the most dedicated workforce that I have ever seen," **said Arcuri**. "Senator Schumer and I are proud to have done our part to help bring the M24 contract and with it, as much as \$28.2 million right here to Ilion. We will both continue to do whatever we can to remove roadblocks and ensure Remington has every opportunity to compete and win future federal defense contracts."

"This is proof positive that Remington has one of the most efficient and effective workforces of any firearms manufacturer in the country," **said Schumer**. "This contract will not only pump millions into the region's economy, but will reinforce our efforts to allow Remington to compete for all defense contracts - which they have shown they can win."

Remington has a 22-year tradition of manufacturing the M24 sniper rifle, and since first

production in 1988, they have produced nearly 15,000 rifles. Remington has been a significant employer in Ilion, NY since 1828 and boasts more than 900 employees, 500 of which would work on the M24 upgrade.

"On behalf of our one thousand Remington employees in Ilion and their families, I thank Congressman Arcuri and Senator Schumer for their leadership," **said Remington Arms Ilion Plant Manager Jim Rabbia**

"By securing funding for the M24 sniper rifle and working to increase competition for federal defense contracts, they are not only ensuring our military is supplied with the best firearms possible but also ensuring Remington's operations in Ilion continue to grow."

This builds upon Arcuri's and Schumer's efforts to increase Remington's access to federal defense contract opportunities as they expand their expertise beyond traditional sporting firearms into long-term military capabilities that will strengthen the company and spur future economic growth in Herkimer County.

In April, Arcuri introduced the Small Arms Competition and Innovation Act (H.R. 5181), which would allow all U.S. small arms manufacturers, including Remington, the opportunity to compete for additional federal defense contracts, currently restricted to three companies (Colt, General Dynamics and FN Herstal). Although the Secretary of the Army has the discretion to open up competition for defense contracts on a case-by-case basis, this legislation would provide a permanent solution. Additionally, both Arcuri and Schumer successfully fought to include similar language into the House and Senate passed FY-11 National Defense Authorization Acts (H.R. 5136/S. 3454).

In June, after conversations with Arcuri and Schumer, Army Secretary John McHugh agreed to use his discretion to open up the Army's competition to Remington for a \$30 million contract to upgrade the M4 carbine. Remington's manufacturing work for this contract and other small arms contracts with the Army would be performed at the Ilion, NY facility. This would create jobs in the region and would help position Ilion as the center of excellence for small arms manufacturing in the United States.

Arcuri and Schumer have also met with Brigadier General Peter Fuller (Program Executive Officer - Solider), who is responsible for the design, development, procurement, and sustainability of equipment U.S. soldiers wear or carry in the field, including firearms, to discuss the U.S. Army's growing relationship with Remington Arms. Also at the request of Arcuri, BG

Fuller's predecessor, BG Mark Brown visited Remington Arms Ilion, NY facility to see first-hand Remington's superior craftsmanship and dedicated workforce.

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